

# House File 2475 - Introduced

HOUSE FILE \_\_\_\_\_  
BY HEATON

Passed House, Date \_\_\_\_\_ Passed Senate, Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Vote: Ayes \_\_\_\_\_ Nays \_\_\_\_\_ Vote: Ayes \_\_\_\_\_ Nays \_\_\_\_\_  
Approved \_\_\_\_\_

## A BILL FOR

1 An Act authorizing a psychiatric advanced registered nurse  
2 practitioner to file certain periodic court reports on persons  
3 with mental illness who do not require full-time placement in  
4 a treatment facility.  
5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:  
6 TLSB 6339YH 82  
7 rh/nh/5

PAG LIN

1 1 Section 1. Section 229.1, Code 2007, is amended by adding  
2 the following new subsection:  
3 NEW SUBSECTION. 11A. "Psychiatric advanced registered  
4 nurse practitioner" means an individual currently licensed as  
5 a registered nurse under chapter 152 or 152E who holds a  
6 national certification in psychiatric health care and who is  
7 registered with the board of nursing as an advanced registered  
8 nurse practitioner.  
9 Sec. 2. Section 229.15, subsection 2, Code 2007, is  
10 amended to read as follows:  
11 2. Not more than sixty days after the entry of a court  
12 order for treatment of a patient pursuant to a report issued  
13 under section 229.14, subsection 1, paragraph "c", and  
14 thereafter at successive intervals as ordered by the court but  
15 not to exceed ninety days so long as that court order remains  
16 in effect, the medical director of the facility or the  
17 psychiatric advanced registered nurse practitioner treating  
18 the patient shall report to the court which entered the order.  
19 The report shall state whether the patient's condition has  
20 improved, remains unchanged, or has deteriorated, and shall  
21 indicate if possible the further length of time the patient  
22 will require treatment by the facility. If at any time the  
23 patient without good cause fails or refuses to submit to  
24 treatment as ordered by the court, the medical director or the  
25 psychiatric advanced registered nurse practitioner shall at  
26 once so notify the court, which shall order the patient  
27 hospitalized as provided by section 229.14, subsection 2,  
28 paragraph "d", unless the court finds that the failure or  
29 refusal was with good cause and that the patient is willing to  
30 receive treatment as provided in the court's order, or in a  
31 revised order if the court sees fit to enter one. If at any  
32 time the medical director or the psychiatric advanced  
33 registered nurse practitioner reports to the court that in the  
34 director's or practitioner's opinion the patient requires  
35 full-time custody, care and treatment in a hospital, and the  
36 patient is willing to be admitted voluntarily to the hospital  
37 for these purposes, the court may enter an order approving  
38 hospitalization for appropriate treatment upon consultation  
39 with the chief medical officer of the hospital in which the  
40 patient is to be hospitalized. If the patient is unwilling to  
41 be admitted voluntarily to the hospital, the procedure for  
42 determining involuntary hospitalization, as set out in section  
43 229.14, subsection 2, paragraph "d", shall be followed.

## EXPLANATION

1 This bill authorizes a psychiatric advanced registered  
2 nurse practitioner to file certain periodic court reports on  
3 persons with mental illness who do not require full-time  
4 placement in a treatment facility.  
5 The bill provides that no more than 60 days after entry of  
6 a court order for treatment of a respondent who is mentally  
7 ill who does not require full-time placement in a treatment  
8 facility and thereafter at successive intervals not to exceed  
9 90 days for as long as the involuntary treatment continues,

2 19 the psychiatric advanced registered nurse practitioner shall  
2 20 have the authority, along with the administrator of the  
2 21 treatment facility or the psychiatric advanced registered  
2 22 nurse practitioner of the treatment facility, to report to the  
2 23 court which entered the order and shall state whether in the  
2 24 opinion of the psychiatric advanced registered nurse  
2 25 practitioner the respondent's condition has improved, remains  
2 26 unchanged, or has deteriorated, and shall indicate the further  
2 27 length of time the respondent will require treatment by the  
2 28 facility. If the respondent fails or refuses to submit to  
2 29 treatment as ordered by the court, the psychiatric advanced  
2 30 registered nurse practitioner shall notify the court, which  
2 31 shall order the respondent committed for treatment unless the  
2 32 court finds that the failure or refusal was with good cause,  
2 33 and that the respondent is willing to receive treatment as  
2 34 provided in the court's order, or in a revised order if the  
2 35 court sees fit to enter one. If the psychiatric advanced  
3 1 registered nurse practitioner reports to the court that the  
3 2 respondent requires full-time custody, care, and treatment in  
3 3 a facility, and the respondent is willing to be admitted  
3 4 voluntarily to the facility for these purposes, the court may  
3 5 enter an order approving the placement upon consultation with  
3 6 the administrator of the facility in which the respondent is  
3 7 to be placed.

3 8 The bill defines "psychiatric advanced registered nurse  
3 9 practitioner" as an individual currently licensed as a  
3 10 registered nurse under Code chapter 152 or 152E who holds a  
3 11 national certification in psychiatric health care and who is  
3 12 registered with the board of nursing as an advanced registered  
3 13 nurse practitioner.

3 14 LSB 6339YH 82

3 15 rh/nh/5